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WEEK OF:
04/05 - 04/09

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Menu

MONDAY

Instant Pot Dal Makhani - VG, GF

TUESDAY

Instant Pot Spicy Taco Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Spicy Miso Ramen Soup - GF

THURSDAY

Thai Panang Curry

FRIDAY

Instant Pot Egg Biryani - GF

COOKING ICONS

 Gluten-Free

 Low Carb

 Vegetarian

 Vegan

 Pot-in-pot

Visit the blog for substitutions, variations, and tips for each recipe.

Grocery Shopping List

PROTEIN & DAIRY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 oz cream | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 oz plain yogurt | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 oz cheddar cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 oz pepper jack cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 large eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 oz extra firm tofu (2 packs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound ground chicken | | |

PANTRY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 oz dry black gram beans | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 oz dry red kidney beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Better Than Bouillon Vegetable Base |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 oz ramen noodles | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 oz white miso paste | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 oz panang curry paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chili garlic sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> soy sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 oz peanut butter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 oz basmati rice | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 oz brown rice | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can unsweetened full fat coconut milk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta shells | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta shells | |

PRODUCE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 red onion | <input type="checkbox"/> 4" fresh gingerroot | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 garlic bulbs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bunch mint | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 large bunch cilantro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bunch Thai basil Italian | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bunch scallion | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 lb baby bok choy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 oz shiitake mushrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 red pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 orange pepper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 lime | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 jalapeños | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 oz red salsa |

SPICES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cumin seeds | <input type="checkbox"/> ground turmeric | <input type="checkbox"/> Kashmiri red chili powder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> garam masala | <input type="checkbox"/> black peppercorns | <input type="checkbox"/> bay leaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> taco seasoning mix | | |

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Monday: INSTANT POT DAL MAKHANI



PREP TIME: 10 MIN
COOK TIME: 50 MIN
TOTAL TIME: 60 MIN
SERVES: 6

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rinse and soak black gram beans and red kidney beans in 3 cups of water. Overnight or 6-8 hours. Drain the water after soaking and keep the beans aside.
2. Set Instant Pot to sauté mode and heat oil. Add cumin seeds to the oil and allow them to sizzle. Add onions and mix well.
3. Add turmeric, fresh ginger, tomatoes, salt, red chili powder, and beans. Add water and mix well.

The next step is to make a pot in pot brown rice (optional)

1. Rinse and drain the rice. Add rice, water, and salt in a stainless steel container. Put a tall trivet over the beans. Place rice container on the trivet.
2. Close Instant Pot with pressure valve to sealing. Cook on Manual / Pressure Cook (Hi) for 30 minutes followed by Natural Pressure Release.
3. Open Instant Pot and set to sauté mode. Carefully take out the Rice container and the trivet. Stir in cream, add garam masala (optional) and garnish with cilantro. Enjoy hot!

NOTES

Notes to make a more authentic dal makhani:

1. Add 1/2 tablespoon of cumin powder, 1/2 tablespoon coriander powder, 1 tablespoon of minced garlic along with ginger and red chili powder.
2. Add 1 tablespoon kasoori methi {dried fenugreek leaves} along with fresh cilantro in the end.
3. You can also add more or less red chili powder and garam masala to adjust the spice level.

Notes to make dairy-free:

1. Replace ghee with oil
2. Use coconut cream or cashew cream (blend cashews in water)

Variations:

1. If using dry beans, add an extra 1 cup of water and increase the pressure cooking time to 60 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup black gram beans or adzuki beans or whole brown lentils
 - 1/3 cup red kidney beans
 - 1 tablespoon oil **
 - 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
 - 1 medium yellow onion finely diced
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
 - 2 tablespoons fresh ginger grated
 - 2 cups tomatoes diced
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 2 teaspoons Kashmiri red chili powder
 - 2 cups water
 - 1/2 cup light cream **
 - 1 teaspoon garam masala
 - 1/4 cup cilantro chopped
- Optional Pot in Pot rice
- 1 cup brown rice
 - 2 cups water
 - 1 teaspoon salt

Tuesday: INSTANT POT SPICY TACO PASTA



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 large onion diced
- 1 to 2 jalapeños diced
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 1 pound pasta we used pasta shells
- 2 tablespoon taco seasoning mix, we love trader joe's
- 2½ cup salsa
- 4 cups low sodium chicken broth
- ½ cup cilantro chopped
- ½ cup cheddar cheese grated
- ½ cup pepper jack cheese grated

PREP TIME: 5 MIN

COOK TIME: 15 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 20 MIN

SERVES: 7

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Turn the Instant Pot to sauté mode and heat oil. Add onions and jalapeños. Sauté for 2-3 mins.
2. Add ground chicken. Break chicken with the spatula. Add taco seasoning and mix everything together.
3. Add salsa, chicken broth, and pasta. Mix well and with the spatula push the pasta under the liquids. Make sure most of the pasta is under liquids for the pasta to cook well.
4. Close Instant Pot with pressure valve to sealing. Pressure cook for 3 mins. Note: Cook time for the pasta shells we used was 7 minutes.
5. Quick release and open Instant Pot. Stir in the cheeses and garnish with cilantro.

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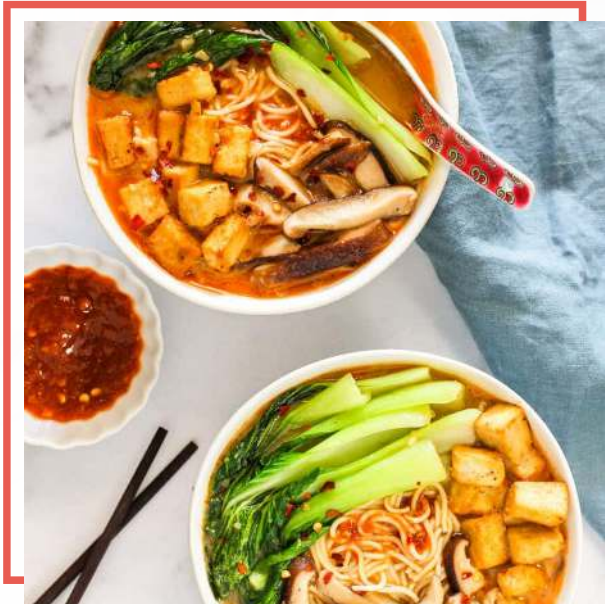
Here are my tips for a perfectly cooked Instant Pot Spicy Taco Pasta:

- Add enough water/broth/sauce so that most of the pasta is under the liquids
- For well-cooked pasta, pressure cook pasta for half the time on the pasta box
- For Al dente pasta, pressure cook for half the time on the pasta box minus 1 minute
- Always add the cheese after the pasta is done pressure cooking
- Quick releasing after pressure cooking will avoid overcooking the pasta

Vegetarian Variation

- This versatile recipe is easy to make vegetarian:
- Substitute ground chicken with soy granules or a can of rinsed and drained black beans and a cup of frozen corn or diced mushrooms or zucchini
- Stir in diced red/green/yellow/mixed peppers after the pressure cooking cycle is complete

Wednesday: SPICY MISO RAMEN SOUP



PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 20 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 30 MIN

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS

Vegetables

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic minced
- 1 lb baby bok choy
- 8 oz shiitake mushrooms de-stemmed and thinly sliced

Broth

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon ginger grated
- 1 tablespoon garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce
- 6 cups low sodium vegetable broth
- 14 oz extra firm tofu
- 8 oz ramen noodles 3 brown rice ramen cakes
- 2 tablespoons white miso paste
- 4 tablespoons water

Optional garnish

- ½ cup scallions
- red chili flakes
- chili garlic sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bake or air fry tofu using these directions.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a dutch oven or a large pot. Add half of the garlic and saute for 30 seconds on medium heat. Add bok choy and saute for 2 to 3 minutes. Take out the bok choy and reserve.
3. In the same pan add 1 tablespoon of oil and mushrooms. Cook on medium heat until the mushrooms are soft about 3 to 4 minutes stirring frequently. Take out the mushrooms and reserve.
4. Add remaining oil, ginger, and garlic paste. Saute for a minute or until fragrant. Add chili garlic sauce and broth. Bring to a rolling boil.
5. Add noodles and cook until the noodles are cooked through and soft. Follow the directions on the package for cook time.
6. Once the noodles are cooked, turn the heat off. Mix together miso paste and water and add to the noodles.

To Serve:

1. Ladle broth in a large soup bowl. Add the noodles over using a pair of tongs and top with sauteed bok choy, mushrooms, and tofu. Garnish with scallions. Add red chili flakes or chili garlic paste to taste and serve hot.

NOTES

- Keep the coconut milk can refrigerated for a couple of hours which helps separate the cream from the watery portion

Thursday: THAI PANANG CURRY



PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 20 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 30 MINS

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 medium yellow onion sliced
- 1 medium red pepper cut into 2-inch slices
- 1 medium orange pepper cut into 2-inch slices
- 4 oz Panang curry paste **
- 1 can coconut milk full fat
- 14 oz extra firm tofu cubed and baked or stir-fried
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce or tamari
- 1 lime
- 1 cup Thai basil Italian basil or cilantro

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oil in a large skillet or wok over medium heat. Add garlic and saute for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add onion, peppers and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until the veggies are slightly tender. Push all the veggies to the sides of the wok and add Panang curry paste in the middle of the wok.
2. Fry the curry paste for a few seconds with some of the existing oil in the pan. Then mix the curry paste in the veggies. Stir in coconut milk and mix until the sauce looks creamy and well blended. Add half of the basil leaves, tofu, and salt. Mix well.
3. Cover and cook on medium heat for 5 minutes or until the curry comes to a gentle boil. Add peanut butter, soy sauce and mix well. Garnish with remaining basil leaves, add lime juice and enjoy hot with [steamed Jasmine rice](#).

NOTES

- Add only 2 tablespoons of curry paste for a less spicy curry
- Add 1/2 to 1 cup of water for more soupy curry

Friday: INSTANT POT EGG BIRYANI



PREP TIME: 20 MIN

COOK TIME: 25 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 45 MINS

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups basmati rice
- 6 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons ghee
- 2 yellow onions medium, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- ½ teaspoon black peppercorns
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons Kashmiri red chili powder
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 2½ teaspoons kosher salt
- 1½ teaspoons garam masala
- ½ cup plain yogurt
- 1½ teaspoons ginger grated
- 1½ teaspoons garlic minced
- 2 cups water
- ½ cup cilantro leaves chopped
- ¼ cup mint leaves chopped (optional)
- 1 tomato diced
- 1 pinch saffron mixed in 1 tablespoon warm milk optional

To Serve

- 4 Lemon wedges optional

Raita

- 1 medium red onion finely diced
- 1 tomato finely diced
- ¾ cup plain yogurt
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar optional
- 1 tablespoon cilantro chopped finely

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rinse the rice and soak in 4 cups of water for 20 minutes. Drain all the water after 20 minutes.
2. While the rice is soaking hard boil the eggs. Add 1 cup of water to the Instant Pot. Place the trivet and place eggs on top of it. Close the Instant Pot lid with the pressure valve to sealing. Set the Instant Pot to pressure cook (hi) for 5 minutes. Allow 5 minutes of natural pressure release and then release the remaining pressure and open the Instant Pot. Using a pair of heat-resistant mitts, carefully pick up the Instant Pot insert and place it in the sink. Run cold water for 2 minutes over the eggs or place them in an ice bath. Once the eggs are cool to handle, peel them. Make 3 shallow slits to the hard-boiled eggs and keep them aside.
3. Set the Instant Pot to saute mode and add ghee. Add onions and saute until they turn light golden brown, about 10 minutes. Take half of the onions out and reserve.
4. Deglaze the bottom of the pot to remove any browning from sauteeing the onions. Use 1 to 2 tablespoons of water to help remove any stuck browned bits as this will help the Instant Pot come to pressure properly and not show the dreaded "BURN"
5. Add cumin seeds, black peppercorns, bay leaves, and saute for a minute. Turn the Instant Pot off and add red chili powder, turmeric, salt, garam masala, ginger, garlic, mint, cilantro, tomatoes, and yogurt. Mix well once again deglazing the pot.
6. Add eggs and mix coating the eggs with spices. Add rice over and spread it evenly. Add water and stir gently making sure most of the rice is under liquids. Close the Instant Pot and turn the pressure valve to sealing. Pressure Cook (Low) for 5 minutes followed by 5 minutes natural pressure release. Release the remaining pressure and open the Instant Pot. Layer the reserved caramelized onions and saffron milk evenly on top. Garnish with remaining cilantro. Enjoy hot with a lemon wedge and raita.
7. To make the raita, whisk the yogurt in a medium bowl. Add onions, tomatoes, salt, sugar and mix well. Garnish with cilantro.